

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 RABAT 00531 270128Z

ACTION IO-14

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 NEA-10 ISO-00 CIAE-00 COME-00
DODE-00 DOTE-00 EB-08 FMC-02 INR-07 NSAE-00 CG-00
DLOS-09 OES-07 AID-05 CEQ-01 SOE-02 EPA-04 L-03
NSF-02 NSC-05 PM-05 USIA-15 SS-15 SP-02 DOE-11
INT-05 /145 W

-----041885 271709Z /40

R 260939Z JAN 78

FM AMEMBASSY RABAT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4327

INFO AMCONSUL CASABLANCA

AMEMBASSY LONDON

UNCLAS RABAT 0531

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EWWT IMCO PORG AORG MO

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATION INITIATIVES ON TANKER SAFETY AND
POLLUTION PREVENTION: IMCO PREPCON, LONDON 2/6-17/78

REF: (A) 77 STATE 296444, (B) STATE 60283

1. SINCE GOM AUTHORITY IN CHARGE OF TANKER SAFETY AND
POLLUTION PREVENTION (DIRECTION GENERALE DE LA MARINE
MARCHANDE) IS LOCATED IN CASABLANCA, EMBASSY REQUESTED
CONGEN CASABLANCA TO CARRY OUT REF A INSTRUCTIONS RE
ADMINISTRATION INITIATIVES OUTLINED REF B. FOLLOWING
IS COMATTS REPORT OF CONVERSATION WITH MOHAMED LFAL,
DIRECTOR OF MOROCCO'S MERCHANT MARINE AND OCEAN FISHERIES,
AND ABDELLAH EL HANSALI, ADMINISTRATOR OF MARITIME AFFAIRS
IN LFAL'S OFFICE. EL HANSALI, WHO IS GOM OFFICIAL
PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR TANKER SAFETY AND POLLUTION
PREVENTION, SAID HE HAD RECEIVED AND STUDIED IMCO
DOCUMENTS, WHICH INCLUDED MENTION OF PRESIDENT'S
PROPOSALS.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 RABAT 00531 270128Z

2. IN RESPONSE TO COMATTS QUESTIONS DRAWN FROM
PARA 4, REF A, EL HANSALI STATED THE FOLLOWING:
(A) U.S. CAN COUNT ON MOROCCO'S SUPPORT FOR THE
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION
FROM SHIPS. HOWEVER, EL HANSALI HAD NOT YET RECEIVED
INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE MOROCCAN MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION
(OF WHICH HIS OFFICE IS PART) CONCERNING DETAILS OF

U.S. PROPOSALS. ACCORDING TO EL HANSALI, MOROCCO HAS ACCEPTED UNEQUIVOCALLY THE PROPOSALS CONCERNING A SECOND RADAR SYSTEM, THE INSPECTION OF TANKERS, AND THE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE SHOWING THE DEGREE OF COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL ANTI-POLLUTION MEASURES. ALTHOUGH NOT A SHIP BUILDING COUNTRY, AND WITH A RELATIVELY SMALL NUMBER OF MOROCCANS AS CREWMAN, MOROCCO SUPPORTS THE IDEA OF REFORM OF SHIP CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT STANDARDS, AND IMPROVEMENTS OF CREW STANDARDS AND TRAINING. HOWEVER, GOM IS CONCERNED THAT COST OF THESE MEASURES, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO SHIP CONSTRUCTION, MAY MAKE THEIR WORLDWIDE IMPLEMENTATION DIFFICULT. NEVERTHELESS, EL HANSALI SAID HE WOULD DO HIS BEST TO ENSURE THAT MOROCCO SUPPORTS U.S. PROPOSALS ON SHIP CONSTRUCTION AND CREW STANDARDS AT IMCO COUNCIL MEETING. (NOTE: TONE OF EL HANSALI'S REMARKS SUGGESTS THAT MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION FOLLOWS HIS LEAD ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS.)

(B) MOROCCO INTENDS TO PARTICIPATE IN FEBRUARY CONFERENCE, MOST PROBABLY BY ASSIGNING AN OFFICER OF THE MOROCCAN EMBASSY IN LONDON TO ATTEND SESSIONS. HOWEVER, EL HANSALI SAID THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT HE MAY BE ASKED TO GO. HE ADDED THAT GOM WILL PROBABLY NAME A PERMANENT DELEGATE TO IMCO MEETINGS WITHIN A YEAR, GIVEN THE TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE AS WELL AS SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 RABAT 00531 270128Z

OF TIME REQUIRED.

(C) EL HANSALI SAID GOM NEEDS NO FURTHER INFORMATION FROM U.S.ANDERSON

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: SAFETY, POLLUTION, CARGO SHIPS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 26 jan 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 jan 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978RABAT00531
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780041-0204
Format: TEL
From: RABAT
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780119/aaaaaapya.tel
Line Count: 98
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 463909e0-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION IO
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 STATE 296444, 78 STATE 60283
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 07 mar 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3708406
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ADMINISTRATION INITIATIVES ON TANKER SAFETY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION: IMCO PREPCON, LONDON 2/6-17/78
TAGS: EWWT, PORG, AORG, MO, IMCO
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/463909e0-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014